



CSBG Success Story

Please submit success story to Jessica Simon at jessica.simon@commerce.wa.gov. If you have questions, contact Jessica at 360-725-2850. Due Date: The 10th of the month the story is due.

Date: 04/01/10

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1. Success Story is for:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARRA <input type="checkbox"/> FFY 09 (skip to question 8) <input type="checkbox"/> FFY 10 (skip questions 6 & 7)
2. CSBG Project Name:	Partners in Careers Veteran Women Program
3. Total Project Budget:	\$120,000
4. Total CSBG Amount of Budget:	\$45,000
5. Number of total clients expected to serve, with all funds for the project:	200 (150 will be funded through CSBG ARRA)
6. Number of ARRA jobs expected to be created/retained as a result of this project:	1.5
7. Number of ARRA jobs actually created/retained as a result of this project to date:	1.5
8. Brief project/activity description:	The Veteran Women Program is reconnecting veterans to the community, assisting veterans in navigating the systems of services, and preparing/assisting veterans to obtain livable wage employment. We are empowering women veterans to find out about and use their benefits and skills to build better lives, strengthen families, and partner with their community. We are successfully connecting clients to job preparation, search and placement.
9. How will this project help clients, build community, and form new partnerships? What aspects of the project would you like to share with the public:	
<p>No Longer Homeless and Abusing Alcohol Recently, a women veteran who was homeless and right out of detox, came to us for help. The VWP helped her to find a permanent safe living environment, obtain training, develop a plan for personal and professional success, get professional clothing, and secure a job she loves. To see this woman today you would never know how far she has come in the past three months. Her self esteem shines through her cheery eyes and bright smile every time she comes in to PIC.</p> <p>Successful Certified Nursing Assistant Grad This single mother has been on public assistance for more than a year. She has three young daughters. With no employment prospects in sight and limited skills, she came to us. We were able to enroll her in CNA school. She did well in her classes and will take her official board</p>	

certification soon. She has had two job interviews and one is upcoming.

Coordinated Problem Solving This client was struggling to communicate with various federal and local agencies that were not talking with one another. We were able to work with the various groups to sort out benefit issues and develop a plan that kept her and her young daughter in housing and college as well as receiving critical support services. She is now on her way to obtaining a culinary certificate from Clark College and a career.